

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A network-based method for determining and documenting tax data comprising:

identifying activities that are relevant to tax data;
creating at least one online questionnaire for requesting response data about the activities;
providing said online questionnaire on a web site and wherein access to said web site is protected by at least an interviewee specific password;
providing management tools to an administrator managing said online questionnaire process wherein said management tools includes at least one of
~~providing a tracking tool allowing the administrator to track the~~ for tracking
progress of the completion of said questionnaire by each interviewee,
~~providing an email management tool allowing the administrator to generate for~~
generating an email campaign related to the online questionnaire, and
~~providing a report generation tool allowing the administrator to generate for~~
generating tracking reports; and
providing data organization tools allowing the administrator to document and determine tax data based on the response data about the activities collected from said online questionnaire. ~~questionnaire; and~~
prompting the interviewee to correct errors in the response data,
wherein information in the tracking reports include summaries of the response data,
identification of response data containing errors and said progress of completion, and

wherein the email campaign generates a plurality of emails including introductory emails, reminder emails, lateness emails and helping emails, the helping emails being responsive to requests for help from the interviewee.

4. (Currently Amended) A computerized network-based method for determining research and development ("R&D") tax credits within an organization comprising:

identifying activities that are relevant to tax data;
creating at least one online questionnaire for requesting information about the activities;
obtaining tax data using responses to said online questionnaire residing on a password protected web site;
providing administration tools for organizing and documenting said tax data;
providing report generating tools; and tools for generating reports including matrix reports and reports used in documenting and determining a tax credit related to said activities based on said tax data;
~~using said report generating tools and said tax data to generate reports used in documenting and determining a tax credit related to said activities;~~
identifying errors requiring correction in said responses; and
when one or more errors are identified, obtaining corrected response data,
wherein the matrix reports include information associating portions of said tax data with portions of said organization.

5. (Original) A computerized network-based method as recited in claim 4 wherein said tax data is R&D tax credit data.

- 6-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) A computerized network-based method as recited in claim 4 further comprising:

providing a tool to pre-populate data in a general information section of said online questionnaire.

11. (Previously presented) A computerized network-based method as recited in claim 4 further comprising:

providing a tool to insert password information for secured access to said web site by users.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A computerized network-based method as recited in claim 4 further comprising:

providing a tool to an administrator to view a selected questionnaire ~~while its~~ during completion of said selected questionnaire ~~being completed~~ by those being interviewed.

14-17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) A computerized network-based method as recited in claim 4 further comprising:

providing a security tool to an administrator wherein access to the web site is by using at least one of limiting access using IP addresses and limiting access by assigning interviewee specific passwords.

19. (Currently Amended) A computerized network-based method as recited in claim 4 further comprising:

providing a tool ~~to enable for enabling~~ the administrator to ~~view who has~~ view persons have access to their password protected web site.

20. (Original) A computerized network-based method as recited in claim 4 further comprising:

providing interviewees help options by providing at least one of:
instructions, history, prizes, definitions, FAQ, samples and help.

21. (Canceled)
22. (Previously presented) A network-based method for determining and documenting tax data as recited in claim 3 wherein said tax data is R&D tax credit data.
23. (Previously presented) A network-based method for determining and documenting tax data as recited in claim 3 further comprising:
allowing an administrator to view said online questionnaire while it is being completed by those accessing said online questionnaire via said web site.
24. (Previously presented) A network-based method for determining and documenting tax data as recited in claim 22, wherein said activities are related to R&D activities of an organization, and said interviewees are employees of said organization.
25. (Currently Amended) A computerized network-based method as recited in claim 4, wherein said activities are related to R&D activities of ~~an~~ said organization, and interviewees who respond to said online questionnaire via said web site are employees of said organization.
26. (Previously presented) A network-based method for determining and documenting tax data as recited in claim 24, wherein said step of determining tax data includes calculating an R&D tax credit for said organization.
27. (Previously presented) A computerized network-based method as recited in claim 25, wherein said tax credit is an R&D tax credit for said organization.
- 28-32. (Canceled)